Reservation of Train Seats for V.I.Ps and M.Ps

2210. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether instruction will be given to the Railways to keep atleast ten seats in reserve in all trains for the travelling V.I.Ps and M.Ps till the departure of the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): A limited number of berths/seats have been earmarked in all important trains as emergency quota to meet the urgent travel requirement of High Official Requisition holders, Minister, MPs and VIPs and other emergent demands from various quarters. This quota is normally released six hours before the scheduled departure of the train. However, in the case of trains which are scheduled to leave in the next morning or upto 16.00 hours, the quota may be released on the previous day.

Conversion of D/c Lines to A/c Lines between Mumbai-Pune and Mumbai-Igatpuri

2211. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to convert D/c lines to A/c lines on Central Railway between Mumbai and Pune and Mumbai and Igatpuri; and

(b) if so, when the work is going to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preliminary works involving planning have been taken up.

Introduction of Superfast Train between Ranchi and Delhi

2212. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had made any declaration in public meeting that a Superfast Train will be introduced from Ranchi to Delhi;

(b) if so, by when this superfast train would be started; and

(c) if not, the the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) It has been decided to introduce a bi-weekly Express between Ranchi and Delhi in 1997-98.

रेल मंडलों की स्थिति एवं संख्या

2213. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव**: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) रेल मंडल कार्यालयों की संख्या कितनी है और ये किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थित है;

(ख) इन रेल मंडलों को वर्ष 1992-93 से वर्ष 1995-96 तक प्रति वर्ष मंडल-वार कितना घाटा एवं लाभ हुआ; और

(ग) इन मंडलों में से प्रत्येक को विकास एवं अतिरिक्त सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए दी गई अतिरिक्त राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) एक विवरण संलग्न है।**(नीचे देखिए)**।

(ख) मंडलवार लाभ और हानि के आंकड़े नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

(ग) मंडल आधार पर कोई आवंटन नहीं किया जाता है।